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Linear Creek Pathway Coming to the Great Northwest

We have the opportunity to connect our GNW owned greenbelt to the Howard Peak Linear Creek Parks Trail System at Cathedral Rock Park. The project will include a multifunction city services substation (to probably be used by Parks Police, SAPD) on Tezel Road adjacent to our Greenbelt. This trail connection will begin at the substation, proceed through the GNW Greenbelt, travel underneath Timberwilde



Street and pass through the Greenbelt behind Timberwilde Elementary on to the backend of Oscar Perez Park and continue on to the Cathedral Rock Park, which connects to the Howard Peak Trail System. This trail will give us, our children and grandchildren access to nearby parks and the trail system without having to use roads outside of our neighborhood. The trail will be patrolled

by the Parks Police as well as Trail Volunteers, many of whom are from our community.

We know many in the community will have questions. To provide more information to community members, the Great Northwest will be hosting City Officials for one or more meetings to inform, discuss and take input from you in regard to this project.

As soon as we have more information and a date and time to

host a Town Hall meeting the city representatives, we'll let you know. In the meantime, if you have input or questions feel free to attend a regular Board meeting or submit your questions on the "Ask the Directors" link at www.greatnorthwest.org.

The Board of Directors

GREAT NORTHWEST TENNIS

Coach Bill Jaume Brings Tennis to GNW

Meet the coach behind the Great Northwest's newest fitness program -- Tennis.

Bill Jaume didn't start out playing tennis. In fact, he started out in martial arts at the young age of four. When he was 12, he started cross-training in tennis in Forest Hills, New York. Admittedly, he wasn't very good when he started out, "I played against other players and got beat all the time. It was a long time before I won a match." Despite his losing streak, Bill stuck it out. Eventually, an older mentor suggested he try different techniques and movements, and eventually he caught on.

Still, Bill didn't begin coaching the sport until much later, and he certainly didn't spend his days working on the tennis court. Instead, Bill spent three and a half years in the Marine Corps where he also received a degree in electrical engineering. After leaving the military, Bill spent another four or five years working

in computer science before going back to school to study criminal law and medicine. Eventually, he found himself working in the emergency field until 1997, when an injury forced him to take four years off.

During that time, he found himself coming back to tennis. In the late 1970's, Bill began coaching when his foster son began playing the sport. "I started taking formal coaching classes to become a coach because I wanted to help him." His son became a part of the Tennis Ambassadors program, allowing him to travel around the world playing tennis. His son's involvement in the Tennis Ambassadors program motivated Bill to become more involved in tennis and coaching. Once his daughters began softball, however, Bill took a break from tennis to focus on coaching fast-pitch softball.

In fact, it was not until 1993, when Bill's

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Mission: To improve the quality of life of Association members, and preserve and increase the value of Association members' properties.

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Board Briefs

Each Board meeting takes a couple of hours as the Board considers items of business on the agenda. While Board Briefs list decisions made by the Board, Members are encouraged to attend meetings to hear the Board as it discusses and debates matters upon which decisions must be made.

DECISIONS MADE OR ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**June 15 Regular Board Meeting**

The Board:

- Decided to put the cost of the member ID machines, which are \$6,000, into the MR&R Schedule, effective in 2017

July 20 Regular Board Meeting

- Chairwoman Rodkey, Vice Chairman Stallings, and Directors Guido, Fernandez, and Zoller signed the Director Code of Conduct and Oath of Office. Director Stives requested time to further review the code.

The Board:

- Decided to set the expense threshold over which repairs and replacements are paid to \$5,000 (previously \$3,000).

August 3 Executive Board Meeting

The Board:

- Directed staff to send three deed restriction violation files to small claims court; send one file a 30-day final letter, then, if the violation is not cured, to Small Claims Court; and one file required more time before taking action.

**Linear Creeks Trail in the Greenbelt**

by Brian Stives

Director

As you may have already read, the City has proposed a plan to extend the Linear Creek Park walking trail into our Greenbelt. At the August Board meeting residents showed up to voice their opinions on the proposed project, some of the concerns included security

and parking.

The trail is a good amenity to the neighborhood, in my opinion, but there are concerns that must be addressed before the project moves forward. To that end, the Chairperson invited the residents in attendance to participate in a committee to gather facts and research the pros and cons of the project. The folks who showed up made very compelling arguments supporting their concerns and I hope the feedback continues and we do all we can to mitigate the risks expressed.

This is not a "position" paper on the project. I am a Board member who doesn't live on the greenbelt and, while I think it may be a good amenity to the neighborhood, I also want to hear what the neighbors most effected have to say. So my request to you is, attend any and all information meetings on this subject. Hear the pros and cons, bring your own input, and participate in healthy discussion about the proposed expansion of the trail into our neighborhood. Whatever your opinion is as you read this, be open to listen and understand both sides of the proposal. If we can work together and mitigate everyone's concerns this may well be a good idea. If we can't get to a point where everyone is satisfied with the proposal, maybe it wasn't as good an idea as I thought. As the Councilman said at the meeting, it is a "neighborhood decision." I would encourage you to participate in the process, gather as many facts as you can and have your voice heard. This is not a fight, there are no good people and bad, this is just a process to gather as much feedback as we can and make a good decision for the neighborhood. This is how the process is supposed to work.

THE GREAT NORTHWEST
PRESENTS**VETERAN'S
DAY****CEREMONY**

NOVEMBER 11, 2017

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GREAT NORTHWEST STAFF RECOGNITION

by Cindy Gates, CMCA®, PCAM®
Community Manager

With great pride we celebrated and recognized the staff of the Great Northwest for all the work they do and accomplishments achieved last year. Overall large projects completed were:

1. Emerald Valley Fencing & Kuwamura Park sign
2. EV & SC Pool Replastering & upgraded LED In-pool Lights
3. All parking lots were crackfilled and Sealcoating done at Lodge & Emerald Valley Pool
4. Ford Tractor was replaced with 7-Gang



5. New Security Department vehicle was purchased
6. Full insurance package was bid out and agent changed
7. Copiers & Printers provider was bid out and changed
8. Emerald Valley tables and chairs were replaced
9. Kuwamura Park Pavilions roof replacements were completed
10. Database software was upgraded and changed

An overview of accomplishments are:

Accounting

1. 894 AP checks
2. 13,000 AR payments
3. Audit
4. Financials

Communication & Administration

1. Improved, expanded and extended communications
2. Passages 7 print issues and 5 online issues
3. Passages2 eBlast
4. Marketing strategies
5. Facebook
6. eBlast
7. Marquees

8. Calendar Posters
9. Lodge Event Kiosk
10. Brochures & Flyers
11. Membership surveys
12. Voting that netted 3% of community homes
13. Yield: ^reach, ^readership and ^member feedback:
14. ^ Attendance at events
15. 40th Anniversary celebration July 4, 2016-4-500!
16. Resale Packages available online – PAY ONLINE!
17. 3,378 Member Services visits
18. 539 home resales
19. 182 rentals/20,000 guests
20. 694 Board & Volunteer & staff meetings

DRACO

1. 9,247 DRACO notices
2. \$2,151,125 ACC improvements reviewed and approved

Maintenance

1. Improved WIFI use
2. Improved Audio/Visual
3. Greenbelt path
4. Participation in Major Repair and Replacement Requests for Proposals (RFP)
5. Amenity improvement – EV kitchen upgrade
6. Coordination and taking care of graffiti

Recreation

1. 130 volunteer coaches, refs, captains
2. 440 games
3. 715 participants
4. 68 teams
5. 1,500 parents
6. 17,713 pool guests
7. \$2,772 Café profits
8. 23 Social events – 3,384 attendees

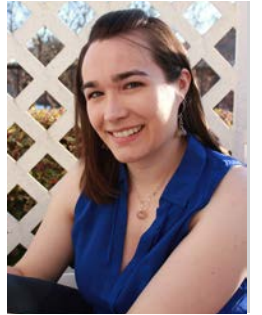
Security

1. 5,524 Security Services resident contacts
2. 49,237 miles driven with Security Vehicles
3. Coordination and taking care of graffiti



ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD

The Employee who was selected to get the Above and Beyond Award was Ashley M. Frolick, Communications Manager. Ashley vastly improved how we communicate with each other and the membership and was responsible for those improvements highlighted above. Overall she improved our online process and services and increased everything through taking ownership of how many people read our messages and information, or attend events. For our 40th Anniversary celebration July 4, 2016, we had 400-500 guests. Her accuracy and thoroughness is top notch. She's done project management for five years and when she sees the need she jumps in. She goes above and beyond by stepped up when needed. The CM has confidence that details will be worked out perfectly when Ashley is involved.



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



The employee who was selected to that the Employee of the Year Award was Jose A. Morlett, Deed Restriction and Architectural Control Officer (DRACO). Jose's loyalty is unsurpassed. He comes to work every day full of pride and with an outstanding attitude. Even though he does this in a field of Association service where he encounters people every day who don't understand, or disagree with, why they're getting a cited for a violation on their property. Every. Day. He lives the Core Staff Values personally with every associate and professionally with residents and volunteers. Last year he interviewed and trained assistants and either initiated or monitored 9,247 Deed Restriction Violation (DRV) notices through the violation administration process approved by the Board of Directors. He expanded the program through working with an Assistant DRACO officer and officers of our Security Department. And more recently he is instrumental in the processes of taking those DRV files where people do not respond to Small Claims Court. As liaison with the Architectural Control Committee he helped process 183 ACC applications that supported or enhanced property values by \$2,151,125. He provides an example for all staff. Every weekday. Every night. Every Saturday and Every Sunday.

COMING SOON

SEP 04 ● LABOR DAY POOL PARTY

4 pm, Silver Creek Pool

Don't have plans for Labor Day? Take off your shoes and kick back at the Silver Creek Pool. We'll celebrate our day off with hot dogs, lemonade, and chips.

FREE for residents. Residents must have GNW membership ID to get into the pool.

SEP 16 ● END OF SUMMER DIVE-IN MOVIE

8:30 pm, Silver Creek Pool, Entry \$5/family

Featuring **Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2**

Say goodbye to summer with us at the Silver Creek Pool. Swimming hour starts at 7:30 pm, and we'll feature **Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2** at 8:30 p.

OCT 3 ● NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

6 -10 pm, Various Locations

Help the neighborhood raise awareness about crime and safety by hosting or attending a block party. Register your block party at sanantonio.gov.

OCT 7 ● FALL YARD SALE

8 am - 2 pm, Silver Creek Soccer Fields

Registration starts September 1

Prices: \$10 for 1 spot, \$15 for 2 spots, \$25 for 3 spots

With more than 60 booths, the GNW Yard Sale has everything you're looking for: antiques, furniture, toys, clothes, accessories... You name it!

OCT 14 ● BULK DROP OFF

8 am - 12 pm, Timberwilde Elementary & Emerald Valley

Here's your chance to drop off your brush and bulk items! Drop Off trucks will be located at Timberwilde Elementary and Emerald Valley parking lots.

OCT 14 ● 7TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

5 pm - 9 pm, Silver Creek Soccer Fields

Registration starts September 1

Check out all of the entries, from classics to hot rods, at our Annual Car Show. Want to join the competition? It's only \$15.

OCT 28-29 ● HAUNTED HOUSE & HAYRIDE

7 pm - 9 pm, Silver Creek Lodge

Get spooked at our famous Haunted House & Hayride! This year, we're adding the thrill with new spooky decorations you'll die for!

	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	Loc.	
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES	Mon	12:30 P	SA Tumble Tots	SC	\$10; Age 3-5
	Tue	4 P	Kids Flamenco	SC	\$40/month
		6 P	Mahjong	SC	
	Wed	9 A	Adult Tennis	SC	\$25
	Wed	10 A	Flamenco	SC	\$2.50
		11 A	Folklorico	SC	\$2.50
		11 A	Dominoes	EV	
		5:30 P	SA Tumble Tots	SC	\$10; Age 3-5
		6 P	Chess	EV	
		6:30 P	SA Tumble Tots	SC	
	Thu	11 A	Line Dancing	SC	\$2
		3:15 P	Greater SA Ballet	SC	\$15; Age 5-6

SEPTEMBER

■ Silver Creek | ◆ Emerald Valley

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Yard Sale / Car Show- Registration Starts	2
3	4 Labor Day BBQ Pool Party ■ 4 P	5 ACC Mtg ■ 4:30 P	6	7 Exec. Board Mtg ■ 6:15 P	8	9
10	11	12 O.W.L.S. Luncheon ■ 11:30 A	13	14 Make & Take ◆ 10 A GNWatch ◆ 6:30 P	15	16 End of Summer Dive-In Movie ■ 7:30 P
17	18 ACC Mtg ■ 4:30 P Poker ■ 7 P	19	20 Book Club ■ 7 P	21 Reg Board Mtg ■ 6:30 P	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Make & Take ◆ 6:30 P	29	30

OCTOBER

■ Silver Creek | ◆ Emerald Valley | ★ Volunteer Opportunity

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 ACC Mtg ■ 4:30 P Poker ■ 7 P	3 National Night Out 6 - 10 P (Various Locations)	4	5 Exec. Board Mtg ■ 6:15 P	6	7 Fall Yard Sale ■ 8 A - 2 P
8	9 Happy Columbus Day! Office Closed	10 O.W.L.S. Luncheon ■ 11:30 A	11	12 Make & Take ◆ 10 A	13	14 Bulk Drop Off ■ 8 A - 12 P Car Show ■ 5 - 9 P
15	16 ACC Mtg ■ 4:30 P	17	18	19 Reg Board Mtg ■ 6:30 P	20	21
22	23 Poker ■ 7 P	24	25	26 Make & Take ◆ 6:30 A	27	28 Haunted House & Hayride ■ 7 - 9 P
29 Haunted House & Hayride ■ 7 - 9 P	30 ACC Mtg ■ 4:30 P	31 Happy Halloween!	1	2 Exec. Board Mtg ■ 6:15 P	3	4

FROM THE COVER

COACH BILL JAUME BRINGS TENNIS TO GNW

youngest son began playing tennis as a recreational sport, that Bill began focusing strictly on tennis. He started coaching again, and hasn't stopped since. Eventually, in 2002, after his four year hiatus from the workforce, Bill began coaching full-time.

Bill's passion about tennis becomes clear to anyone who speaks to him. While we spoke, Jaume gave me a brief history on the sport, from traditional to modern tennis, how tennis rackets evolved, and important figures in tennis such as Martina Navratilova and Christine Evert. He explained that the sport now incorporates sports science and psychology. With modern science and improvements, people are now able to play tennis into their late 30s. "The science of the body in motion has advanced the sport," Jaume says. The constantly evolving sport also requires coaches to constantly update their knowledge.



Photo courtesy of Sonia Nunez
Coach Bill Jaume teaches Temo Nunez tennis techniques at the Silver Creek Tennis Courts.

Bill has received national and international coaching certifications. He has a long list of coaching certifications from the United States Tennis Association, Incorporated (USTA) and the International Coaches Institute. Because the sport is constantly evolving, Bill continues to take coaching courses in order to stay current.

About the Program

Classes will be held Monday through Thursday after school, at the Silver Creek Tennis Courts, between 3:30 pm and 7 pm, for ages 5 through 14. Adult classes will also be held on Wednesdays at 9 am. Register before October 1 to receive a discount on registration fees.

What will students learn?

Beginners can expect to learn the basics before anything. "I have to teach hand-eye coordination, how to move, how to cross/uncross your feet. You have to learn to walk and run."

Once a student learns the basic, then Bill focuses on the mental aspects of the game. "Tennis is a mental sport. You have to problem solve, plan, strategize, and at the same time you need to use your body to the best of its ability."

While the class teaches techniques and the mental aspects involved in Tennis, he also stresses the importance of health, diet and hydration. Bill explains that anticipation is important on and off the court. In particular, students have to anticipate the conditions they may be exposed to the next day. Bill teaches students to hydrate and eat healthy, not just the day of, but also the day before practice.

What will students gain from this program?

Bill's goal for his youth tennis programs as a mean to get a college education through tennis scholarships. He hopes that tennis and its mental strategies will be a guide throughout their life, through college and beyond. Plus, the courses helps youth learn the important of diet and how to eat.

Most of all, Bill hopes that when his students go on to start careers, tennis is the anchor that reminds them of who they are and where they came from. After all, "Tennis gives you something that you can carry throughout your life, and can bring you back to who you are."

IMPORTANT RECREATION DATES

SEP 4	Fall Soccer Practices Begin GNW Soccer Complex	
SEP 16	TO NOV 11	Fall Soccer Games GNW Soccer Complex
NOV 6	TO DEC 8	Basketball Registration Register before rosters fill up!

EVENT NEWS

END OF SUMMER DIVE-IN MOVIE SEPTEMBER 16

Join us for our first ever, End of Summer Dive-In Movie!

Pools are closed now, but we're saying goodbye to summer with one last pool event.

Bring the family out to watch *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2* starting at 8:45 pm. Swimming will start at 7:30. Plus, we'll have full concessions available, including our famous grilled hot dogs and nachos.

7TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW OCTOBER 14

Registration for the 8th Annual Car Show starts on September 1! All vehicles are welcome: vintage cars & trucks, hot rods, corvettes, trucks, imports, classics, motorcycles, muscle cars, and more!

Own a business and want to reach out to the community? We will have booths available! Contact James Jurica for more information - (210) 363-7457.

HAUNTED HOUSE & HAYRIDE OCTOBER 28-29

We are very excited about this year's Haunted House. We have many new animatronics and creepy décor that you will die for!! We are always in need of volunteers to help make this event great. Also, you may have noticed that the Haunted House falls on the Saturday and Sunday prior to Halloween, so we don't take away from your precious Trick-or-Treating hours!

BACK TO SCHOOL TENNIS SPECIAL

\$100 / Month - IF you register in September, 2017
\$150 / Month - IF you register after October 1, 2017

YOUTH TENNIS CLASSES

MON - THU
3:30 - 4:15 PM (K - 8)
4:30 - 5:15 PM (K - 8)
6:00 - 7:00 PM (12 -14 yrs)

ADULT TENNIS CLASSES

Wednesdays
Starting September 20
9:00 - 10:30 am
For more info, call 210-440-5982

HOW WAS YOUR SUMMER
AT THE GNW POOLS?
Let us know at:
facebook.com/GNWCIA

Dog Walker Watch Team Member Makes His Final Patrol

by Renee Townsend

GNWatch Team Leader



Photo Courtesy of Renee Townsend

June 26, 2017 was a bittersweet day for founding Dog Walker Watch Team Member Roscoe Townsend.

Shortly after Roscoe was diagnosed with a very aggressive tumor, his family knew that it was time to say goodbye. Rather than remember it as a sad occasion, they decided to tie on his bright red bandana, lift him into the front seat of their car, and make one final patrol through the Great Northwest. As he was driven to the vet's office, he proudly sat in his seat and looked back and forth.

Commonly called the "social butterfly" of Village Northwest, Roscoe was always the center of attention at each National Night Out party hosted by his family. He was not a fancy dog, but he made it a point to greet each and every neighbor he met along the way; children loved it when he barked hello and goodbye to them.

A void will be left when we celebrate National Night Out this year, but Roscoe would want people to move forward, put a smile on their face, and observe and report crime. Thank you for your service, Roscoe!



Keep An Eye Out for Graffiti

by Connie Stallings

A-Team Leader

Graffiti in the Great Northwest has slowed down quite a bit but it is always present in one form or another. On July 28th we had three NJHS students and one Great Northwest teenager help "buff" graffiti for five hours. We focused on the drainage channel that runs from Ridge Path to Timberwilde. What a great bunch of teenagers! Even though graffiti is down in our communities it is always present in the shadows. As it was on August 4 several fences in Emerald Valley were tagged. R.O.E

(Right Of Entry) forms were obtained and we were able to either power wash or paint homeowner's fences that were tagged.



It is important for ALL of us to keep extra eyes and ears and to



Photo by Ashley Frolick

A-Team volunteers paint over graffiti under the bridge of the Timberwilde drainage channel.

observe and report this type of activity in our neighborhoods. With the start of school approaching fast it is important that we all keep vigilant.

If you would like to help keep our communities looking GREAT then contact Connie Stallings at (210)416-8595 for more information.

CONNIE STALLINGS

210-416-8595



OWLS Plan Trip to Sea World

by Janet Anderson

O.W.L.S. Communication Officer

A highly successful August 8th Meeting was held when the OWLS were entertained by Flamenco Dancers led by Jennifer Cox, engaged by Sylvia Ramirez. An Ice Cream Social took place on August 16th at 6:30PM for the members. Many of the members brought examples of their particular hobbies to share. There were needlepoint pictures, paintings, caricatures, quilting, albums, and several other kinds of creativity displayed.

The September meeting will be on Tuesday September 12th at 11:30 AM in the Lodge at Silver Creek. It will be a Brown Bag Lunch, meaning that the members bring their own sandwiches, salads, yogurts, etc. to dine together as a group. Coffee and Iced Tea are served but members do not provide a covered dish at this time. Covered dish luncheons will take place for holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Independence Day.

Travel plans to Sea World will be an-

nounced at the September Luncheon on September 12, at 11:30 AM. Frances Knopf, Travel Chair informed the OWLS at the August meeting that parking fees are \$20 but admission is free to Seniors for certain reserved areas of the park. Travel will take place on Tuesday September 19th.

The OWLS usually dine out for lunch on the 4th Tuesday at 1 PM. In September, the restaurant, chosen by Chairperson Hyacinth Bridges, will be The King Buffet Chinese Restaurant on Bandera Road.

Our very active GNW Seniors are constantly on the go. They even play Mexican Train Dominos every Wednesday from 11AM until 1 PM at the Lodge in Emerald Valley. If you are 50 and older or retired, please join the fun and become a member. It's only \$10 for the year beginning in January, but if you join now, it's just \$5! Call Pat Walker our President at 521-2918.

Pat Walker • 210-521-2918

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2017

by Renee Townsend

GNWatch, Dog Walker Watch, and Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.) Team Leader



The biggest national "crime fighting" event is quickly approaching. On Tuesday, October 3rd, Texans will celebrate National Night Out.

This year San Antonio will celebrate by "lighting the city in blue". SAPD and community organizers encourage neighbors to turn on their porch lights, get outside, and do some old-fashioned neighborly visiting. Several GNW families will be hosting National Night Out block parties.

If you would like to get in on the festivities, it is NOT TOO LATE to host a party. For additional information and to register with the City of San Antonio, call or email Linda Tomasini, SAPD Community Services Supervisor, at 210-207-8927, Linda.tomasini@sanantonio.gov.

The Great Northwest has a very active

neighborhood watch program. We are always looking for new members to act as the extra "eyes, ears, and paws" of our law enforcement community. If you are interested in joining one of our Watch Teams, please attend one of our upcoming meetings (Thursday, September 14, Tuesday, November 7, or Thursday, December 14). We meet at Flores Hall, 9310 Timber Path Drive, at 6:30 p.m.



RENEE TOWNSEND

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE Annual Great Northwest Veterans' Day Ceremony Saturday, November 11, 2017 @ 11:00 a.m. At the Lodge of the Great Northwest

This is our opportunity for The Great Northwest Community to pay tribute to all the brave and selfless individuals who have defended our nation and protected our freedoms.

I would like to extend a very special invitation to the veterans we have in the community to come to this year's ceremony so we can honor you. Please contact me if you can come.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Security Chief Burton @ 681-2983, Ext. 114.

God Bless America!

Spotlight on a Veteran

Need your help for the following please!

For the past 11 years the Great Northwest has spotlighted a veteran each year. We are looking for a Veteran to spotlight this year. There will be an article which is called "Spotlight on a Veteran" that is done on the individual(s) selected. This person must live in the GNW community. This article will be published in the *Passages*. If you know a family member, neighbor or friend that meets the qualifications mentioned above please contact me, the Security Chief at 681-2983, Ext. 114 for your nomination. You can also contact me at email: secchief@greatnorthwest.org Thank you for your help in these matters.



GREAT NORTHWEST BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, September 20
7 p.m. in the Olivia Theriot Room --
Silver Creek

SEPTEMBER

Join the Book Club as they discuss
Light Between the Oceans by M.L. Stedman
Faciliator - Gloria Sechrist

OCTOBER

Join the Book Club as they discuss
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
Faciliator - Nicki Moore

For more details contact:

Lynda Welchel - txsun@satx.rr.com

JoAnn Sanderson - code318@aol.com



Fall Community Yard Sale
Oct 7 • 8 AM - 2 PM
Silver Creek Soccer Field

\$10 for 1 spot
\$15 for 2 spots
\$25 for 3 spots



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BANDIT SIGNS

by Jose Morlett

Deed Restriction and Architectural Control Officer (DRACO)

Every issue, I will highlight the most serious, and frequently given notices in the Great Northwest for the month. This month, we have given out several notices regarding Bandit signs. Below are the City Ordinance and the Great Northwest Deed Restriction on the signs.



BANDIT SIGNS CITY CODE 28-152

Signs illegally placed on city right of way or utility poles. Signs will be removed and disposed. Cases will be filed in Municipal Court against business sign owner.

CALL: 311

GREAT NORTHWEST DEED RESTRICTION SECTION 6.9 SIGNS AND ARTICLE XII

(a) Political Signs:

- (1) Only one sign per candidate or ballot item pertaining to the precinct the homeowner resides in.
- (2) Signs cannot be put up prior to ninety (90) days before the election in question and must be taken down by the tenth (10th) day after the election.
- (3) Signs must be ground mounted.

(b) Commercial or Professional Signs:

- (1) Sign may be put up five (5) days prior to the work commencing and must be removed no later than five (5) days after work is completed.
- (2) Signs must be ground mounted.

(c) Real Estate Signs:

- (1) Only one sign per property.
- (2) Sign must be ground mounted
- (3) Signs noting that the property has been sold or leased must be removed no later than five (5) days after the sale or lease.

(d) All other types of signs, posters, etc. are prohibited

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Introducing The Great Northwest's New Part-Time DRACO



We are happy to welcome Eduardo "Ed" Garza-Fourquet to the Great Northwest family. Ed is the newest part-time DRACO officer, helping to lookout for deed restriction violations on weekend and evening hours.

Ed's career began when he started a part-time operator position at Worldcom through a program at school in 1986. He enjoyed the job so much that he stayed on-board at the company for twenty years. There, he went to technical school to learn circuit design. When the company closed, Ed found a new home as a City of San Antonio 311 customer service representative. It wasn't long before he worked his way into a specialist position. Soon, he became a supervisor for 32 representatives.

Although Ed has only been with the Great Northwest for a month, he is already thoroughly enjoying the community. "I like the whole aspect of the deed restriction. Going out there and making sure residents are in compliance with their deed requirements. I like meeting people and talking to them."

In his free-time, you can find Ed volunteering for ACTS Ministries, a Catholic-based organization that focuses on retreats. He is on the board of the ministry, and is also on the committee responsible for their annual Extravaganza, which will be on October 7 of this year. Ed also dabbles in the arts, and is known for making stained-glass crosses, men's beaded bracelets, and oil and acrylic paints.

If you see Ed in the Great Northwest, feel free to tell him hi. As he says, "I look forward to meeting as many people in the community as possible."

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Things Every Homeowner Should Know About Their Home

by **Mark Zoller**

Director and Volunteer Team Co-Chair

Your home takes care of you—it keeps you warm, safe, well-fed—so it has every right to act a little high-maintenance and demand some TLC in return. Neglect your house, and there could be hell to pay later in the form of floods, electrical outages, and worse. So as a sort of

test, ask yourself if you know these things about your home.

Where are all your filters, and when was the last time they were replaced?

Lots of appliances in your home have filters. In fact, any device that conducts air or water should have some sort of filter in place to remove impurities and particulates. Changing these filters routinely can save you money, and keep you safe, which is why it's helpful to know when they're due to be replaced. Furnace filters should be replaced every two to three months; HVAC, ice maker, and water dispenser filters must change at least once a year. But that varies based on the manufacturer, so be sure to check your maintenance manual and not let it slide.

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If you have an emergency in your home, you may need a qualified technician to make repairs. Remember to look in the classified section of your passages for a local business. Many of our residents offer professional services and proudly advertise their business in our neighborhood paper.

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Where is the main water shut-off valve?

Every home is different, but you can likely find your main valve near the perimeter of your house, at ground level, nearest your water meter. Imagine bathroom, kitchen, laundry room. They're all connected by a network of pipes. If any pipes springs a leak, you'll need to shut off the water until it can be fixed.

Where is your circuit box, and is it properly labeled?

A circuit box is your house's bodyguard against sudden spikes in electricity that run through the wires. Most circuit boxes are located in a house's garages or utility closets. The switches inside correspond to rooms and sets of outlets in your home. Hopefully, they're labeled properly—and if not,

Fall Gardening

by **Camille Fiorillo**

Horticulturalist

Looking forward to cooler temperatures and Fall Gardening.

For your vegetable garden consider broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and Kale that grow best in cool weather, but they need to be started earlier and transplanted into the fall. There are also vegetables you can seed into a fall garden, like broccoli raab, chard, lettuce, peas and spinach.

For color chrysanthemums are always a favorite and available in autumn tones. Marigolds are another popular choice. They are the traditional flower of Dia de los Muertos celebrated November 1st. Marigolds also supply the benefit of repelling Mexican bean beetles, squash bugs, thrips, tomato hornworms, and whiteflies. They are also known to repel harmful root knot nematodes (soil dwelling microscopic white worms) that attack tomatoes, potatoes, roses, and strawberries. Surround your vegetable garden with a border of marigolds for the double benefit of fall color and pest prevention.

Oak Wilt Disease

Oak Wilt disease is endemic in Central Texas including the San Antonio area. It affects Live Oaks and Red Oaks in particular. Oak Wilt is caused by a

fungus (*Ceratocystis fagacearum*) spread by Nitidulid beetles through open wounds in the tree. Once a tree is infected it can spread to other nearby trees through interconnected and grafted roots.

Tips to prevent Oak Wilt (from <http://texasoakwilt.org/2011/pruning-guidelines-for-prevention-of-oak-wilt-in-texas/>) include :

- Always paint fresh wounds on oaks, including pruning cuts and stumps, with wound dressing or latex paint immediately after pruning or live tree removal at all times of the year.
- Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol™ between sites and/or trees.
- If possible avoid pruning or wounding of oaks during the spring (currently defined as February 1 through June 30).

Enjoy the (hopefully) cooler weather and happy gardening!

Camille



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DEED RESTRICTION

Activity from July 6 - August 3, 2017

Below is the list of calls/complaints to the **Deed Restriction Department** made during **July 6, 2017- August 3, 2017**. **Calls per day: 8-15. Correction Rate: 92%** Abbreviations of sub-divisions are as follows: Silver Creek (**SC**); Timberwilde (**TW**); Ridge Creek (**RC**); Sage Coach Crossing (**SCC**); Commons (**C**); Village Northwest (**VNW**); and Emerald Valley (**EV**).

Complaint	SC	TW	RC	SCC	C	VNW	EV	TOTAL
Nuisance	63	36	41	13	33	34	58	278
Inoperable Vehicle	9	2	3	1	1	3	11	30
Basketball Hoop	21	3	16	2	2	1	25	70
Fence/Garage Door	16	1	11	2	4	5	18	57
Overgrown Grass	61	12	45	12	19	23	93	265
Boats/Trailers	12	3	15	2	0	2	16	50
TOTALS	182	57	131	32	59	68	221	750

ACC STATS

All exterior construction, additions, changes or alterations must be approved by an **"Architectural Control Committee,"** as per section 5A.2-5A.9 of the deed restrictions.

July 2017

Street	Improvement	Value
Forest Village	Storage shed	\$2,800
Timber Range	Painting exterior of home	\$1,000
Timber Bush	New Roof	\$8,772
Timber Flat	Garage Conversion	\$4000
Ridge Mountain	Storage shed	\$600
Ridge Glade	Garage conversion	\$200
Cliffmont	Driveway extension	\$1,600
Valley Wood	Painting exterior of home	\$250
Timber Bough	Solar panels	\$16,000
Ridge Breeze	Storage shed	\$4,259
Woodland Hills	Painting home exterior	\$1,500
Village Park	Landscaping & retaining wall	\$4,280
Tree Village	Solar panels	\$35,000
Timber Bark	Walkway & Pillars	\$1,000
Timber Meadow	Solar Panels	\$15,000
Timber Gate	Sidewalk	\$1,000
Timber Terrace	Painting exterior of home	\$6,000
	TOTAL	\$103,261

For more information you can find a copy of the GNW deed restriction and exterior guidelines on the Great Northwest website, greatnorthwest.org.

MONTHLY SECURITY ACTIVITY REPORT

Activity from July 1 - July 31, 2017

Below is the list of calls/responses the Security Department made during July 2017. Abbreviations of sub-divisions are as follows: Silver Creek (**S/C**); Timberwilde (**T/W**); Ridge Creek (**R/C**); Village Northwest (**VNW**); Commons (**C**); and Emerald Valley (**EV**).

	SC	TW	RC	VNW	C	SCC	EV	TOTAL
Alarms	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Animal Complaints	5	0	4	2	0	0	3	14
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assist Public	13	0	3	0	0	1	4	21
Burglary Res/ Bldg	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary Vehicle	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	5
Child - Missing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Criminal Trespass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deadly Conduct	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Deed Restriction	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disturbances	13	0	1	3	1	0	6	24
Lost/ Found Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Poss. Controlled Substance	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Public Intoxication	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harassment - Threats	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Salesman/ Soliciting	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suspicious Activity	4	0	2	0	0	0	3	9
Suspicious Pers./ Veh.	13	1	5	2	0	0	7	28
Thefts	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	4
Traffic Complaints	7	1	1	0	0	0	4	13
TOTALS	69	2	17	11	1	1	35	136

SECURITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES REPORT

Activity from July 1 - July 31, 2017

Below is the list of responses the security department made when assisting the public during July 2017. Abbreviations of sub-divisions are as follows: Silver Creek (**S/C**); Timberwilde (**T/W**); Ridge Creek (**R/C**); Village Northwest (**VNW**); Commons (**C**); Stage Coach Crossing (**SCC**) and Emerald Valley (**EV**).

	SC	TW	RC	VNW	C	SCC	EV	TOTAL
Alarms	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Facility Check	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Lost/Found Animals	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	6
Jump Start Battery	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Home/Veh. Lockouts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open Doors	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Vehicle Lights Left On	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welfare Checks	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Out-of-Town	257	0	73	71	0	0	117	518
Special Watch	13	0	0	0	0	0	14	27
TOTALS	282	0	77	71	0	0	133	563



Back to School Safety

by **Roger Burton**
Security Chief

Yes, it is unbelievable; school began on August 28, 2017. It seems just like yesterday we were discussing about the children getting out of school for the summer. Here are some things to remember in

the back-to-school season:

School Zones

Remember when driving in "School Zones", we all need to be careful and watch for the children. The speed limit is 20 M.P.H. in these areas. Observe these speed limits and watch very closely for children crossing the street. Please do not talk or text on your cell telephones while in the school zones. This is the law.

Walk with Your Children

On the first day or two of school, I recommend parents walk with their children to school and explain important safety practices. This is especially important for the first graders who have not ever experience this before. The number one thing to teach your children is to only cross the street at the crosswalks. Show them the way you want them to go and what intersections and crosswalks they are to use.

Be Aware of Peer Pressure

Parents of middle school and high school, beware of the peer pressure your kids will be under. Monitor your kids very closely during this phase of their life. The peer pressure to drive recklessly, drink and

drive, do drugs, and other activities that can place them in harm's way will be overwhelming. Ask about the what, when, where, and with whom. Knowing these things can make a big difference.

School Bus Safety

Even though the school bus driver gives safety information to the kids, reiterate the importance of looking at the bus driver prior to walking in front the bus. They need to make sure the driver sees them. Prior to crossing the street they need to look for on-coming traffic (coming around the bus or coming in the opposite direction). Even though vehicles are supposed to stop for these school busses that don't mean all vehicles will. This leads me to a very important item....

Educating Your Children About Strangers

Take time to discuss with your children the importance of not getting into vehicles or leaving with strangers. This cannot be stressed enough. Children are naturally very trusting toward people. It is up to you to make sure they understand that at no time is it permitted to leave or get into a vehicle with a stranger. This also includes while at a park, shopping mall or just walking down the street.

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After school closures at Emerald Valley are being implemented for security purposes.

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Employee of the Month - July

Frank Olivencia

Security Officer

WHAT IS YOUR BACKGROUND?

I spent 30 years working with AT&T as a project manager. I ran a call center, and saved the company an average of \$22 million a year. I retired in 2010, and have been very happy. The main thing I am very proud of is the volunteer work I have been doing with

the San Antonio Police Department. I was a police advisor and I trained Police Explorers from the age of 14 through 20 to become police officers. Right now, there are 21 former Police Explorers who are working for SAPD. Another five or six are working for Bexar County because SAPD was no longer hiring. As soon as they get the change, they will go.

WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING PART OF YOUR JOB?

Sometimes we work with people in situations that can turn into violent situations. For instance, I received a call about a noise complaint. I knocked on the door and told the gentleman that he needed to turn off the music. He began yelling and insulting me. Seven of his friends came out of the house as well, asking "What's going on?" As the yelling escalates, I'm thinking to myself what I will need to do if it becomes violent. Then suddenly, a car pulls up with a woman in it who said, "Sir, sir, if you please leave, I promise you I will turn it off in 15 minutes." I said, "Okay, ma'am, fifteen minutes." I sat in the patrol car and waiting until everything was turned off.

That's just one of many situations where things could have gotten

violent. Thankfully, my training with SAPD and the police also prepares me for some of those scenarios.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I really like my job. I like helping people and working with people. I taught a number of classes about interpersonal skills. Now, I use what I've taught.

Plus, I feel like I can help the community, especially if children are involved. For example, one day I get a call from a man on the phone saying, "You need to come out here. I've got a 6 foot snake on my porch." I told him to call 311 - Animal Control, because we do not have jurisdiction to handle that. He told me, "It won't let my kids out! They're right there." Since kids were involved, I decided to go out there. Sure enough, there is a 6 foot snake. I don't know what kind of snake it was. I told him, "I can try to help you get it." At first he told me, "No, no. It will go in the back yard." Eventually, I said, "Sir, bring me that trash can over here. Open it up." I went into the back of the truck and grabbed the gadget that you can pick up trash with. I said, "I will grab the body of the snake and I want you to lay a sledge hammer on top of the head and hold him down." I tried to put the gadget underneath the body. It started to sliver through it. I asked, "Are you ready?" When he told me he was, I threw it into the trash can and put the lid on it. I think a snake farm or other organization came out later to get the snake.

In this case, I shouldn't have helped since it was an animal situation, but I know that the children are okay.

Employee of the Month - August

Jesse Ray Alarcon

Security Officer

WHAT IS YOUR BACKGROUND?

I was in the Marine Corps for nine years, five years active duty and four in the reserves. I was in law enforcement for five years afterwards. Then I spent numerous years running security for the Marriott Hotel. I retired from their in October, but got bored at home and found the Great Northwest.

WHAT DO YOU DO AT THE GREAT NORTHWEST?

My job is to put the safety of the community first. I go out there to make sure that the community is secure. We go on patrol and make sure that everything is safe and sound.

WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING PART OF YOUR JOB?

Everything is challenging nowadays. You know, the job is what you make it. The way I look at it, if you come to work and make it a bad day, it will be a bad day all day. I come to work ready to go to work. There's not many people who wake up out of bed and say, "Alright! Let's do it!" But I love coming to work. I love what I do. Security has been a part of my entire life, while I was in the Marine Corps, while I was in law enforcement, and then running security in the Marriott. It's always been in security and law enforcement.

Every day is a challenge, but I come to work prepared.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I get to engage with the community every day. I go out there and greet people. I'm not here to be a bad guy, I'm here for the community. We're on the same team. The great thing about this job is that I get to come and mingle with everybody.

I see residents who are furious when I approach them, because of the scenario that they are in. I calm them down, maybe even tell them a joke. Before you know it, we're both laughing together and talking about it. Then we're able to find a solution together.



Meet the GNW's Member Service Advisor

Candace Pennington

If you have called the office recently, you might have heard the pleasant greeting of Candace Pennington, our newest



Member Services Advisor. Candace has already made an impression in her first three months at the Great Northwest. She captains the Member Services Desk with a friendly demeanor and is eager to welcome and assist residents.

Prior to coming to the Great Northwest, Candace was focused on raising her four-year old son. Since she has been here, the community has made an impression on her. "This is the best work experience I've had so far. I'm excited to go to work. Even though you have the same day-to-day duties, every day is always different."

We're happy to welcome Candace to the Great Northwest family!

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CLASS SCHEDULE

MON - THU

- 3:30 p K - 8 Tennis Lessons
\$100/\$150 • Silver Creek Tennis Courts
- 4:30 p K - 8 Tennis Lessons
\$100/\$150 • Silver Creek Tennis Courts
- 6:30 p 12-14 yrs Tennis Lessons
\$100/\$150 • Silver Creek Tennis Courts

MON

- 12:30 p SA Tumble Tots
Age 3-5 • \$10 • Silver Creek Lodge

TUE

- 10:00 a Mommy, Daddy, & Me DIY
2nd Thursay of the Month, Starting
May 9 • \$5 per item made •
Emerald Valley Lodge
- 4 p Kid's Flamenco Classes
\$40 / month • Silver Creek Lodge

WED

- 10-11 a Flamenco (Advanced)
\$5 • Silver Creek Lodge
- 5:30 p SA Tumble Tots
Age 3-5 • \$10 • Silver Creek Lodge
- 6:30 p SA Tumble Tots
Age 5-7 • \$10 • Silver Creek Lodge

THU

- 10:00 a Line Dancing
\$2 • Silver Creek Lodge
- 3:15 p Greater SA Ballet
Age 5-6 • \$15 • Silver Creek Lodge
- 6:30 p DIY Make & Take
4th Thursday of the Month •
Emerald Valley Lodge

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Flamenco Arts Society of San Antonio brings Arts and Cultural Awareness to area Communities in San Antonio

Chayito Champion

Flamenco & Folklorico Instructor

The Great Northwest community will continue its Flamenco and Folklorico Adult and Children classes throughout the fall.

Dance Instructor Chayito Champion comes from a legacy of Flamenco artists and has been teaching Flamenco and Folklorico dance for over 40 years. She has put together her first Senior dance group, "Ballet Plata y Oro," who practice at the Great Northwest's Callanen Hall, at 8809 Timberwilde Dr, on Wednesday mornings. The group will visit Austin to perform on September 16, 2017, then will travel to Nashville on October 26 for performances that will pilot senior dance programs in Tennessee.

Chayito's next project is a children dance ensemble, with new classes starting in September at the Callanen Hall. Classes will start at 4 pm to give children time to prepare after school. Classes for children are \$40 per month.

Come and be a part of the winning team, and learn about Spanish and Mexican Culture. For more information about classes, call the Great Northwest office at 210-681-2983.



September & October DIY

Jennifer & Michael Lara

Make & Take Instructors

SEPTEMBER: FALL TIME WELLNESS

Back to school is here and so are the seasonal changes. It is time for the hustle and bustle of a new school year and with that also time for our favorite fall time sports like football, soccer, and volleyball just to name a few. With this in mind we have to find a way to boost our immune systems, and get them ready for the new coming seasonal challenges.

- Come and experience how us moms have incorporated easy to do toxic free all natural remedies to boost our whole families immune system to help us fight the seasonal changes that are about to take place. No parent likes to see their children ill, and no parent can afford to be down, so these remedies are sure to rock your world when used correctly.
- All attendees will be entered into a drawing for a Germophobe Spray

We will be making:

- Warrior Chest Rub: Made with eucalyptus and peppermint this rub with help support your respiratory system.
- Breath Again Inhalers: Take these compact wonders on the go to help support your respiratory system and keep you going.
- Sports Relief: Convenient roller-ball that can be stored in your bag for easy access to use when you are feeling the burn post work-out
- Arctic Breeze Cool Down Rub: Rub those sore muscles and feel them cool down and relax with this awesome rub.
- Sleep Tight Linen Spray: Use this linen spray on pillows and sheets to help you rest peacefully so you can awaken energized and ready to tackle the day.
- Make one or make them all. Each one costs \$6.00 or make all four for \$20.00

OCTOBER: LOVE ON YOUR SKIN

2nd Thursday of the month:

Coming into the winter months can be hard

on the skin. Let's get together to make some items for your children that can help their skin/hair look and feel great.

- Hands Down Foaming Hand Soap: Your little ones will love washing their hands with this all natural soap made with Lemon, Myrtle, Lavender, and Cedarwood essential oils.
- Foaming Bath Time Soap: Get your little ones squeaky clean with this mild all natural soap, infused with essential oils of your choice.
- Take that blemish stick: Use this roll-on for your tweens or teen to help them fight the occasional blemish.
- Protect your Hair Spray: Natural prevention spray to help keep pests off of your children's hair.



4th Thursday

Ladies did you know that not removing your make-up at night ages your skin 7 years!! It can also lead to other issues like clogged pores, bad skin spots, and wrinkles. We have created an event to get your skin back to glowing and feeling great. Take charge and rejuvenate your skin with our easy to do natural remedies.

- Foaming Facial Wash: Use this wash as your first step in your cleansing routine.
- Make-up B Gone: Remove your make-up at night with these gentle pads infused with lavender that will leave your skin feeling soft and smooth
- The wise one wrinkle serum: Smooth out those wrinkles naturally
- Believe in yourself acne spray: Don't let blemishes get you down. This spray will not only fight against those unsightly blemishes you will also smell great.

Make one or make them all. Cost is \$6.00 each or all four for \$20.00